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APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed. A copy of the U.S. patent document is not enclosed, pursuant to the revised rules dated September 21, 2004.

U.S. Patent 5,715,498

Europe 478,005

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated November 16, 2004, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure

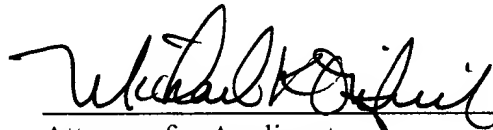
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The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	5,715,498	2/3/98	Takeuchi, et al	399	40	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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478,005	4/1/92	Europe				

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